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EXPANDABLE FABRIC BAG

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please add Figures 19 and 20 to the above application.

REMARKS

Applicant is entitled to the original filing date of July 21, 2001 as Figures 19 and 20 indicated above were properly incorporated by reference into the present application from provisional application Ser. No. 60/219,853 filed July 21, 2000. Provisional application Ser. No. 60/219,853 included Figs. 19 and 20 therein. As a result, Figs. 19 and 20 which are being addded as indicated above were part of the application as originally filed.

Preliminary Amendment

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